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Letter dated 5 December 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In addition to my letters (A/50/780-S/1995/980 and A/50/793-S/1995/1000), I have the honour to inform you of the following.

During the general debate on agenda item 118, Joint Inspection Unit, in the Fifth Committee of the United Nations General Assembly, held on 4 December 1995, the Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit, responding to the statement made by the representative of the Azerbaijan Republic and explaining why he himself and B. Krasulin had not identified the Nagorny Karabakh region as a part of the Azerbaijan Republic in their report entitled "Sharing responsibilities in peace-keeping: the United Nations and regional organizations" (A/50/571, annex), stated, in particular, that "Nagorny Karabakh" was given as a title of a separate subsection 18 in chapter IV, section D, of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/50/1 of 22 August 1995).

Earlier, on 29 November, in the course of our meeting with the Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit and B. Krasulin, this "argument" was used by them as an excuse. Then I put it clearly that their argument was not valid for they were referring to the document that was an advance version of the report and was later properly corrected.

In this connection, I drew their attention to the fact that in the final version of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization, issued on the eve of the special commemorative meeting on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations as a booklet named "Confronting new challenges", subsection 18 was entitled "Myanmar" and had hardly any bearing on the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan; moreover, there is no subsection called "Nagorny Karabakh", whereas there is one entitled "Armenia and Azerbaijan".

Unfortunately, my explanation not only has not been taken into account but, as the aforementioned remark of the Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit made clear, was not even verified.

In this regard I would like to emphasize that having made this statement at the 36th meeting of the Fifth Committee, on 4 December 1995, the Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit misinformed members of the General Assembly, which of itself at least contradicts elementary norms of ethics.

Such behaviour of the authors of the report "Sharing responsibilities in peace-keeping: the United Nations and regional organizations" does not testify to their constructive and objective position.

On behalf of the delegation of the Azerbaijan Republic, I state that the lack of mention of Nagorny Karabakh as an integral part of the Azerbaijan Republic and the refusal of the authors to correct their mistake is a political provocation with far-reaching goals, namely, an effort to give a blessing in a United Nations document to a separatist movement of the Armenians of that region, which was inspired by a neighbouring State and has resulted in the occupation of more than 20 per cent of the territory of my country as a consequence of the aggression by the Republic of Armenia.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 118, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Eldar KOULIEV
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